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New District 2 Council Member Sworn in After Run-Off Election

Garland's newest City Council member is settling into her new duties. Anita Goebel was sworn in July 3 to represent District 2. She was elected in a June run-off election with Eric Redish.

Council member Goebel replaces Laura Perkins Cox, who served three consecutive two-year terms. That is the maximum allowed by City Charter.

All residents are encouraged to attend Council meetings or watch them on the City's Government Access Cable channel or via video streaming on the City's website. Meeting agendas also are available at GarlandTx.gov.



District 2 City Council member Anita Goebel is sworn into office by Pat Olson.

Pilot Program to Evaluate LED Streetlights



LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting is being evaluated in a south Garland neighborhood through a pilot project that began in June. Four street lights along Wynn Joyce Road and seven residential light fixtures have been retrofitted with LED lights for a 90-day evaluation period. LED lights are energy efficient and long lasting, which makes them ideal replacements for traditional lighting options. City staff will evaluate the results as part of their cost and performance evaluations of alternatives to present day street and residential lighting. The lights are located at Wynn Joyce Road and Club Creek Drive in the Club Creek subdivision. Residents are encouraged to make their own evaluations and share those with the Office of Environmental Quality. Call 972-205-2490 or email djacobs@GarlandTx.gov.

City of Garland to Host Two Community Events on Sept. 22

The City of Garland will co-host two community events from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Curtis Culwell Center (formerly the Special Events Center), at 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. The Healthy Living Expo will be held in the arena and will feature a variety of exhibits and demonstrations related to living a healthy and safe lifestyle. The We The People Conference will be held in the conference center, and will offer activities and workshops related to education and senior services.

Most people will set goals to live healthier, save money

or get rid of clutter. Garland's annual Healthy Living Expo can help you achieve those goals with exhibits,

demonstrations and information about healthy, safe and

efficient lifestyles. This year's event will include a new attraction, the H20 5K sponsored by the City of Garland's

Water and Stormwater Management departments to

raise awareness about conserving and protecting water

resources while encouraging physical fitness. The race

The Expo is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the

Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. "This

will start at 8:30 a.m. with awards at 9:45 a.m.



Healthy Living Expo 2012:

Healthy You! Healthy Earth!

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event is full of resources and ideas for our residents and neighbors who want to learn more about personal health, environmental health, and safety issues that impact the entire family," said Garland Mayor Ronald E. Jones. "I hope everyone will mark their calendars for this truly valuable opportunity."

density, blood pressure, and cholesterol, along with and those involved in the public school system. helpful insights on topics such as nutrition and exercise. Flu shots also will be available for a cost. Healthy Earth exhibitors will feature information on topics such as landscaping, energy-saving advice and recycling. Participants will have the opportunity to recycle or donate a variety of items.

Admission to the Expo is free. For details about Healthy Living Expo activities, see Page 5 and visit GarlandGoesGreen.org.



We The People, For The People Conference

Garland's Community Multicultural Commission (CMC) will celebrate its 10th anniversary by hosting the We The People, For The People Conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Curtis Culwell Conference Center. The event will feature a naturalization ceremony to welcome new U.S. citizens and several workshops Healthy You exhibitors will offer screenings for bone and interactive learning opportunities for senior citizens

> "The CMC was created in 2002 to ensure the diverse cultures represented in Garland have a seat at the local government table," said CMC Chair Jennifer Nguyen. "The CMC is organizing this event in coordination with the Healthy Living Expo to help Garland residents gain access to important services and information, as well as to broaden awareness of the intricate cultural tapestry that is Garland."

> All activities are free. Workshop sessions for senior citizens will include updates on Social Security and Medicare, preventing fraud and identity theft, and adult education opportunities. One workshop will provide a special focus for adults caring for aging parents. Garland ISD will answer questions about standardized testing, college readiness, and how parents can work with schools to benefit their students.

> The day's activities will culminate with a Mosaic Festival featuring local musical and dance performers representing an array of cultures. The performers will appear on the Culwell Center Arena stage from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

> For more information about the We The People Conference, see Page 5.

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New Command Staff Annouced for Fire Department

Garland Fire Chief Raymond Knight has announced appointments to his new command staff. "These Garland administrative fire officers are as talented and capable as any fire staff in the state of Texas, and will continue to serve the citizens of Garland very well. I am proud to work with these excellent Garland fire officers," said Chief Knight. They are as follows:



Carl Coan Assistant Chief Operations



Kelly Miller Assistant Chief Administration



Todd Peele Assistant Chief EMS/Training

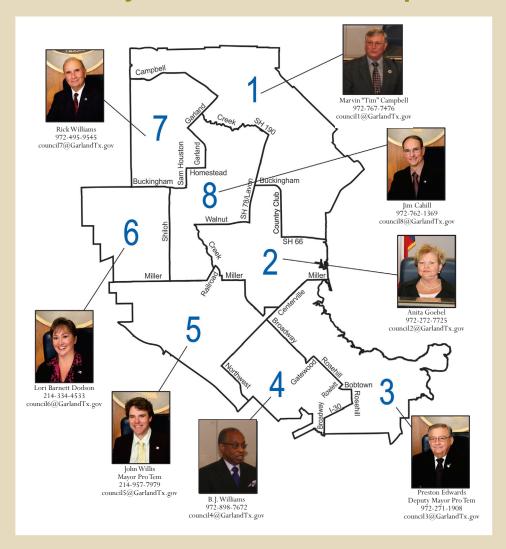


Michael VanBuskirk Captain Fire Marshall's Office



Glenn Johnson Battalion Chief Administration

City Council District Map



City Council Meetings

Garland City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 200 N. Fifth St. Meetings are broadcast online through live streaming and on-demand, and air on CGTV with several rebroadcasts during the week of the meeting. Visit GarlandTx.gov or watch CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable) or Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS).

Message from the Mayor

The summer months are always a busy time in Garland. Working diligently on two goals, the City is focusing on improving the dynamics of Garland, as council takes a close look at goal setting for the upcoming months, as well as plan some fun for the residents of this great city.

In July, Garland welcomed three new city council members in districts one, two and four. In addition, we also welcomed newly elected Mayor Pro Tem, John Willis, and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Preston Edwards. I am excited to see both of them in their newly appointed positions as they represent the leadership of this new City Council.



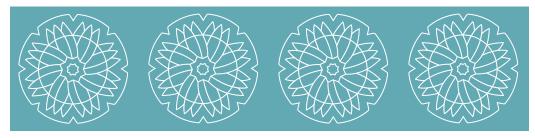
Mayor Ronald E. Jones 972-205-2400 mayor@GarlandTx.gov

Mayor's Evening In 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 29 and Sept. 20 Mayor's Office, City Hall 200 N. Fifth St.

To reserve a time, call 972-205-2471 or email edattomo@GarlandTx.gov.

Throughout the next few months we have several exciting events happening in our city. Hosted by the Noon Exchange Club, in September, we have the Labor Day parade, which promises to be a fun day for the whole family (see Page 3). The City of Garland also will be hosting a Neighborhood Block Party for the community with bounce houses, food, and fun for families, as well as educational information provided by GISD (see Page 6).

In addition, the Community Multicultural Commission will host a 10th anniversary celebration of the We The People Conference on Sept. 22 Culwell Center in conjunction with the Healthy Living Expo (see Pages 1 and 5). On behalf of the City of Garland, I extend a friendly invitation to each and every one of you. I hope to see you there!



Garland Business Profile: Grand Hall USA

Grand Hall USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Grand Hall Enterprise Company in Taipei, Taiwan. This international company has served as a leading manufacturer of innovative gas appliances and components for more than 30 years. In 2003, the 200,000 square-foot distribution facility opened in Garland at 3838 W. Miller Road. It houses customer support, administration, and marketing, and utilizes state-of-the-art technology to enhance its daily operations.



Committed to providing innovative design and technology, Grand Hall has introduced several products to the market that challenge the status quo. In 2006, Grand Hall USA launched the award-winning Eternal Hybrid water heater with patented technology. It provides endless hot water like a tankless system, but has two gallons of storage inside so hot water is ready when needed. Over the years, it has received several industry accolades. In addition to the water heater systems, Grand Hall has been recognized as manufacturing the most successful vertically integrated grills including the T-Grill™ with Crossray® lateral infrared burner technology and the Grand Tech series with patented intergrill burner technology. Many of their products are available at one of the 43 Barbecues Galore stores in three states that Grand Hall USA owns.

An advantage for Grand Hall USA to remain in Garland is its diverse business community. Manufacturing ENERGY STAR appliances, they closely match the needs of the community and the industry with their green initiatives. Mayor Ronald E. Jones has had the opportunity to visit with Grand Hall USA several times to tour their facility. He also toured the facility in Taiwan two years ago during a visit to Garland's sister city, Luchu.

2012-13 **District Updates**

Each year, City Council members host a District Update presentation on CGTV to provide updates on important developments and issues concerning their districts. Upcoming presentations will be held at 7 p.m. on CGTV Channel 16 (Time Warner Cable) and Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS) on the following dates:

Sept. 11

- Tim Campbell, District 1
- Anita Goebel, District 2

Oct. 9

- Preston Edwards, District 3
- B.J. Williams, District 4

Nov. 13

- John Willis, District 5
- Lori Dodson, District 6

Dec. 11

- Rick Williams, District 7
- Jim Cahill, District 8

CGTV also is streamed live at GarlandTx.gov.

CGTV Listings

City Council Meetings

- Live broadcast 7 p.m.
 Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 4 and 18
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Wednesday – 9 a.m., Friday – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

- Live broadcast 6 p.m.
 Aug. 6 and 20, Sept. 4 and 17
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday – 7 p.m.

Plan Commission

- Live broadcast 7 p.m., Aug. 13 and 27, Sept. 10 and 24
- Rebroadcast following the meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m.

Billboard

Daily schedule posted at GarlandTx.gov

Meeting dates and times subject to change.

City Annouces Leadership Changes

Garland City Manager William E. Dollar announces two major changes in the City's organizational leadership.

Robert Wunderlich, Garland's senior managing director for Transportation, Streets, Engineering and Stormwater, left his position in July. Mr. Wunderlich has joined the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) as a research engineer and acting director of TTI's Center for Transportation Safety. TTI is a member of the Texas A&M University system, and seeks solutions to the problems and challenges facing all modes of transportation.

Mr. Dollar says the City will miss Mr. Wunderlich's leadership and vision. "Robert has a passion for improving safety and mobility, which has benefited Garland and the rest of the region. Robert's new opportunity will allow the broader transportation sector to benefit from his expertise and experience."

After five years at the helm of Garland Power & Light, Ray Schwertner will retire Aug. 1. Mr. Schwertner brought more than 30 years of electric utility experience to Garland's electric utility with a unique background in power marketing, energy risk management, resource planning and retail electric aggregation services.

"As a municipally-owned utility, GP&L faces its own unique opportunities and challenges," said Dollar. "Ray's leadership and extensive background in the Texas electric industry environment has helped GP&L create a progressive vision for the coming years."



Robert Wunderlich



Ray Schwertner

Environmental Waste Services Briefs

EWS Secures Grant

Environmental Waste Services has secured a \$26,000 grant to produce an educational brochure to help kick off Garland's new automated and manual collection single stream recycling programs. Grant funds, which come from the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, also will be used to acquire a smart phone application that will allow residents to track their solid waste and recycling collection schedule, determine what is and is not recyclable, and learn about recycling events throughout the year. The app will be available this fall.

Environmental Meeting in Garland

Solid waste professionals from around the state gathered in Garland in June to talk trash at the annual conference of the Lone Star Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (TxSWANA). More than 300 attendees and 50 exhibitors learned about the latest technology in the solid waste industry, including collection vehicle efficiency and management of trash and recycling facilities. Garland's Environmental Waste Services and Community Relations departments hosted the annual gathering.



Garland Residents Encouraged to 'Recycle More Now' with Single Stream Recycling

Are you recycling more now that single stream recycling has been introduced throughout the city? Garland has rolled out its Recycle More Now campaign to remind residents that single stream recycling allows more materials to be accepted in the curbside program, and all recyclable materials to be put together—eliminating the need to sort paper from other products.

"Single stream recycling promises to increase collection efficiency and projects financial savings in collection operations, not to mention that it is more convenient for our residents," said Glenna Brown, EWS programs manager. "Recycling more products and more volume also will reduce the amount of trash that ends up in the City's landfill."

Residents are reminded that they can recycle more plastic products, including yogurt and sour cream containers, as well as small, flattened cardboard boxes and shoe boxes that fit inside the recycling container. For a complete list of recyclable and non-recyclable items, visit GarlandEnvironmentalWaste.com.



In June, approximately 8,200 residents received 96-gallon recycling containers in Phase I of the automated single stream recycling collection program. Future implementation phases for the automated single stream program will be based on funding availability.

Customers who are recycling in the 18-gallon red recycling bin(s) also are included in the single stream program. To maximize the advantages of single stream, EWS recommends using plastic bags set beside the red bin(s) for collection to accommodate any overflow of recyclable materials. It is recommended that residents use clear or white plastic bags rather than black bags, which may be mistaken for trash.

Single Stream Recycling: Acceptable Items

Single stream recycling will allow customers to recycle more materials including:

- Plastics No. 1-5 and No. 7
- Aluminum and steel cans
- · Chipboard (cracker and cereal boxes)
- Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper and paper grocery bags
- Small, flattened cardboard boxes
- Empty aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars



Garland Code Officer Assists Woman in Need



A City of Garland Code Compliance officer was conducting routine inspections down the alley behind Colgate Lane in late May when he spotted a resident in trouble. 74-year-old Carol Donnelly had fallen in her backyard and could not get up. She had been alone for two hours without her oxygen tank. Code Officer Uriel Villalpando jumped the fence to assist Mrs. Donnelly, called 911 and stayed with her until help came. Mrs. Donnelly was grateful for the rescue, but Uriel said he did what anyone else would have done. "I'm just glad I was there at the right time and was able to help Mrs. Donnelly."

(Photo courtesy of Tammy Mutasa, KXAS-TV)



Free Tree Program to Return Oct. 6

The Tree Power Free Tree program teams Garland Power & Light with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department to provide a free tree for Garland residents in an effort to conserve energy and beautify the community.



The Tree Power Free Tree program will be held at 7 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Haskell L. Roach Garden Center, located in Winters Park, 1221 Spring Creek Dr. Staff will provide trees until 5 p.m. or until supplies last.

To receive a free tree, proof of Garland residency must be provided through a Texas driver's license with a Garland address or a City of Garland utility bill. One tree per residence. Participants will be directed to line up on the southbound lane of Spring Creek Drive next to Winters Softball Complex.

The trees to be provided include a four- to six-foot tall Shummard Red Oak, Cedar Elm, Bur Oak or Live Oak. Planting and care instructions will be included. For more information, call 972-205-3588.

Community Events



Health Fair 2012 (Back-To-School Rally) 9 a.m. to noon | Aug. 25 Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road

The NAACP Garland Branch will host Health Fair 2012 (Back-To-School Rally). The event will include screenings such as cholesterol/glucose, diabetes and high blood pressure. Immunizations for children will be available with the child's written record. Cost is \$15 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Free school supples will be available for Garland ISD students. A driver's license, Texas ID card or passport, and matching July or August utility statement must be provided. Limit two supply packages per household on a first-come, first-served basis.



Labor Day Parade
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sept. 3
Downtown Garland, State and Main streets

The Garland Exchange Club will host Garland's annual Labor Day Parade. The parade will begin in Downtown Garland and will end at Central Park. Beginning at 11 a.m., enjoy a variety of entertainment inlcuding children's games, vendors, food and a car show. Visit GarlandLaborDayEvent.com for more information.



Get Social

The City of Garland offers several ways to stay up-to-date with latest and greatest through social media. Follow us, like us, watch us!

Twitter

@GarlandTxGov @GarlandLibrary

YouTubeGarlandTxGov

Facebook

GarlandParks

Facebook

GarlandYouthCouncil

DART Blue Line Extension on Schedule to Open in December



Everything is on schedule for the Dec. 3 opening of Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) 4.5-mile Blue Line extension that will link the downtowns of Garland and Rowlett. The \$188 million project is the first Blue Line extension since the trains arrived in Garland in 2002.

The extension will create connections and new economic opportunities capable of driving development for residents of both Garland and



Rowlett, while providing an easier and safer way for residents to travel between the two cities.

Test trains are on the tracks and will continue through the start of service. DART is stressing the importance of safety during this time as the public continues to see the hustle and bustle of work crews. Garland businesses along the rail corridor are joining DART in making sure everyone gets in the habit of being safe in and around the new Blue Line.

Rail Line Safety Tips

- Obey all signs.
- Do not interfere with railroad property.
- Never stop on the tracks at any time.
- Never cross the tracks when the gates are down.
- Only cross the tracks at road crossings.
- Report suspicious or unlawful behavior to the local or DART police.

Teach children to follow the safety rules now so that they can have a safe Blue Line rail experience starting this December.

Community Involvement

Relay for Life Wrap Up

Relay for Life Garland was a huge success, raising a grand total of \$93,463. This year, the Garland Stars team consisted of 46 members from various City departments. The team contributed more than \$3,800 to support the cause with the assistance of City departments. All of the funds benefit the American Cancer Society.



United Way Campaign Kick Off

The City of Garland will kick off its 2012 United Way Campaign with a lunch rally from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Atrium, 300 N. Fifth St. The free lunch rally is open to the public and any donations will go to United Way. The theme for this year's campaign, which will run Sept. 26-Oct. 12, is Garland Gives Back.

Garland Power & Light Customer the First to Generate His Own Power



Garland Power & Light (GP&L) customer Luis Rodriguez is the utility's first distributed generation customer, meaning he has met city and state requirements for installing a system that can provide power on site and put "extra" power back onto GP&L's electric system. Rodriguez will be compensated for power that flows to the GP&L system.

Rodriguez's 4.5 kilowatt solar array, which is installed on his rooftop to get maximum sun exposure, generates power in direct current (DC). An inverter converts the power to alternating current (AC), the form that can be used for his household power needs.

When Rodriguez uses less power than the array generates, the excess power will flow out to GP&L's distribution lines. When his home requires more energy than the array can provide, GP&L provides the additional power.

Rodriguez did considerable research on the equipment and on the city and state's distributed generation requirements. GP&L Distribution Administrator Minh Ngo discussed these requirements with Rodriguez, and provided him with the specific ordinance, the technical requirements document, and the interconnection manual and agreement needed for the project.

Rodriguez, a structural engineer, drew up the installation plans and installed the system with the help of some neighbors. "Installing a solar system was something my wife and I have talked about doing for a long time. I consider this an investment in my home—and it's great that I'm able to save money on my electric bill," said Rodriguez.

GP&L customers interested in distributed generation may contact Minh Ngo at 972-205-3701.

Animal Services News

Garland Pawsibilities, the volunteer group that supports Garland Animal Services, has expanded its services to include a monthly, low-cost sterilization/vaccination clinic at its facility located at 3136 S. Shiloh Road. On average, more than 45 animals are spayed each month at these clinics. In addition,

Pawsibilities places dozens of shelter animals

every month at regular off-site adoption events. Pet sterilizations are critical to reducing the number of unwanted pets. Pawsibilities is made possible through donations of money and time. Visit GarlandPawsibilities.org for information on how to help.

Animal Adoptions

Don't forget to stop by the Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower St., to search for a missing pet or to adopt a loveable pet to bring home to the family. Visit GarlandAnimalServices.org to view a complete list of lost and found animals and animals available for adoption. Adoptions are \$80 and include sterilization and vaccinations.

Pet Registration

Registration is your pet's ticket home! Ensure pets are currently registered with Garland Animal Services and that registration tags are firmly attached so that Animal Service officers may contact you if your pet is picked up. For details, visit GarlandAnimalServices.org.

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Special Thanks

Animal Services would like to extend a special thank you to residents and organizations that made donations during the month of May. All donations are used to sponsor animals for adoption or to provide care and comfort for animals.

Recent donations include:

Lazaron De Leon \$80
Stefany Mendez \$80
Guy Nichols \$50
Emily Staley \$80
Girl Scout Troop # 2794 \$80

School Zone Safety Tips for Garland Residents

The first day of school for Garland ISD is Aug. 27. Throughout the school year, motorists need to remember school zone safety and to stay alert. Children sometimes forget to look both ways before stepping into the street. It is up to motorists to obey laws and observe safety rules to keep children safe. Residents can help by remembering the following safety tips:

- The speed limit in a school zone is 20 mph. School zones have a reduced speed limit so drivers can stop if a child darts in front of them. Drivers could be subject to a fine if the signs are ignored.
- All vehicles must stop behind the painted white stop bar or crosswalk line.
- Do not block the crosswalk at any time with vehicles.
- Proceed into the crosswalk or intersection only after all pedestrians are completely clear of the crosswalk or intersection.

The City of Garland provides crossing guards for busy street crossings near elementary schools and some middle schools. Guards are on duty from 7:10 to 8:10 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. Encourage children to walk during these times. In addition, be cautious of heavy traffic and children crossing the street during dismissal times.

Questions or concerns regarding school zone safety may be addressed to Sharon Brown at 972-205-2438.

Meter Access Needed

The electronic-read water and electric meters installed by the City of Garland allow for remote meter reading each month. This means that meter readers do not physically access each of these meters monthly. However, City employees need to access the meters from time to time. Please help us by making sure we can reach your electric meter and by keeping your water meter lid free from grass and other vegetation.



Healthy Living Expo Activity Guide



Healthy You! Healthy Earth!

9 a.m to 1 p.m. | Sept. 22 **Curtis Culwell Center** (formerly the Special Events Center) 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

Make the most of your day at the Healthy Living Expo! Use this activity guide to plan ahead. Updated information and an event map are available at GarlandGoesGreen.org.

Adopt A Pet

Garland Pawsibilities will be on-site with adoptable pets from the Garland Animal Shelter. Give a dog or cat a forever home!

Drug Drop

Clean out your medicine cabinet and bring all your unwanted or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications to Operation Medicine Drop, where they will be disposed of safely and properly.

> **Electronics Recycling** Naaman Forest High School will collect electronics for recycling.

Drop off computers, monitors, printers and cartridges, cell phones and much more.

Eyeglasses Recycling

Drop off your discarded eyeglasses at the Lions Club donation collection box to provide the gift of sight to people around the world.

Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available through the City of Garland Health Department. Please bring your insurance card for BCBS. Medicaid or CHIP and Medicare "Part B". For a complete list of available vaccines and costs, please visit the event website or call 972-205-3370.

Paper Shredding

Alliance Document Shredding will be on site from 9 a.m. to noon to receive personal documents for shredding. Volunteers will assist with unloading boxes. Only four boxes per household, please.

Shoe Donations

The Shoe Bank will collect gently used children's shoes and adult athletic shoes. These shoes will go to needy families in the Dallas area and around the world.

The first 500 patrons who visit the Expo will receive a free sports bag, courtesy of RBC Capital Markets. Only one bag per family.

The Healthy Living Expo is presented by Baylor Medical Center at Garland, the City of Garland Water Utilities, Environmental Waste Services, and Stormwater Management, Garland Power & Light, Garland ISD, and the Garland Chamber of Commerce with Fox4 as broadcast media sponsor.



RBC Capital Markets

For more information, visit GarlandGoesGreen.org.

Firetruck Pull

Cheer for local police and firefighters as they go head-to-head—or perhaps shoulder-to-shoulder in a firetruck pull competition. The event will raise funds in support of the Garland Police & Fire Injury Relief Fund, Donations will be accepted on-site.

Pink Firetruck

Why would someone paint a firetruck pink? To fight breast cancer! The Guardians of the Ribbon, South Texas Chapter, will bring their pink firetruck to the Healthy Living Expo to raise awareness about the disease.

The Guardians will offer merchandise for sale to allow you to show your support for those who have survived or are currently battling breast cancer. All proceeds will go to breast cancer research.



Race start time: 8:30 a.m.

Registration: \$10 (in advanced), \$15 (day of event)

Online registration on the Healthy Living Expo website: GarlandGoesGreen.org

First 300 to register will receive a race T-shirt and a bag filled with goodies regarding water conservation and protection. Age/gender group awards and overall male/female awards given.

Volunteers Needed

The Healthy Living Expo cannot happen without the support of volunteers! Event organizers will need people to help greet and guide visitors, set up and tear down the event, hand out event programs, assist with several booths, and more.

will receive a free event T-shirt! To register as a volunteer, visit the Healthy Living Expo web page at GarlandGoesGreen. org or contact Sharon Brown at 972-205-2438 or sbrown@

GarlandTx.gov.



We The People, For The People Conference



9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Sept. 22 **Curtis Culwell Conference Center** (formerly the Special Events Center) 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd.

For more information about the CMC's We The People Conference, visit GarlandTx.gov and look for the link under the "Programs and Initiatives" tab, or call 972-205-2471.

The first 300 patrons who visit the We The People Conference will receive a free, reusable shopping bag courtesy of Spirit in Motion. Sponsors for the We The People Conference include the Garland Chamber of Commerce, Hiep Thai Foods, Hong Kong Market Place, Spirit in Motion and Waffle House.

We The People, For The People Schedule

* All activities in Conference Center unless otherwise noted.

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Naturalization Ceremony
- 9:30 a.m. to noon Senior Services Workshops
- 11 a.m. to noon Education Workshops
- 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mosaic Festival (inside Culwell Arena)



Visit GarlandTx.gov or call 972-205-2471.

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Neighborhood Summit Activities Celebrate Garland Neighborhoods

The Neighborhood Summit 10 Year Anniversary is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. But the celebration begins now!

Neighborhood Story Contest

Share an inspirational story about a neighbor, a project, a program, or organization that makes your neighborhood and Garland a great place to live, work, play and invest. Prizes include grant funding, emergency preparedness kits, a six-month supply of Blue Bell Ice Cream, and more. For more information, call 972-205-3864 or email fconner@GarlandTx.gov. Submissions are due Aug. 31.

Create and Celebrate Beautiful Places

Interested in beautification, community gardens, planting trees, entryway features, streetscapes, or picking up litter along streets, roadways and parks? Join the City of Garland and Keep Garland Beautiful in creating and celebrating beautiful spaces all over the city.



10th Anniversary Celebrating Our Neighborhood Stories

- Choose your project scope and location
- Register your team and project site
- Register your scout group, church, neighborhood or family to pick up litter around the city
- Projects must be completed by Sept. 8

Projects and winners will be recognized at the Neighborhood Summit.

Downtown Block Party: noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 8

The Downtown Block Party will be held in Downtown Garland. Enjoy music, bounce houses, games, hot dogs and more as the City expresses its appreciation for the great people and places throughout Garland.

Register for the Neighborhood Summit

First 50 registrants will receive a free commemorative anniversary gift. Garland stakeholders: \$15 (\$20 after Oct. 10), Other: \$20 (\$25 after Oct. 10). AICP credits available.

For more information, call 972-205-3864 or e-mail fconner@GarlandTx.gov.

GSO Announces 2012-13 Season



and exotic melodies of Spain will highlight the 24th concert season of the Garland Symphony Orchestra (GSO), which will run Oct. 19-May 10.

Titled Viva España, the 2012-13 season will feature native Iberian composers such as Albéniz, Granados and Turina, as well as many composers from other nations.

Look forward to Spanish music by Russians (Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol, Glinka's Summer Night in Madrid), Frenchmen (Debussy's Ibéria, Chabrier's GarlandSymphony.org. Call 972-926-0611 for tickets.

The sensuous rhythms España, Ravel's Bolero), Italians (Berio's Ritirata notturno de Madrid), and other great composers from around the globe. The season will explore music inspired by Spanish literature and from operas set in Spain including Don Juan by Richard Strauss, Wagner's Parsifal Prelude, Mozart's Overture to The Marriage of Figaro, and the ballet music from Verdi's II Trovatore.

> Several guest soloists will collaborate with the orchestra including native Spaniard Daniel del Pino playing Falla's Nights in the Gardens of Spain, English guitarist Craig Ogden offering Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez, and Curt Thompson, the GSO's Concertmaster, performing Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole. For more information, visit

Garland Civic Theatre to Kick Off its 45th Season with 'Black Coffee' Aug. 23-Sept. 15



Join the Garland Civic Theatre in Upcoming performances will include: its 45th season, beginning with Black Coffee by Agatha Christie Aug. 23-Sept. 15. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23 and 30; 8 p.m. Aug. 24, 25, 31, Sept. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15; 2:30 p.m. Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9 and 15. This little known mystery will surprise and delight, especially "Christie"

fans. The story concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory who has come up with a formula for an atomic bomb (written in 1934). Sir Claude is poisoned and Hercule Poirot is called in to solve the case. He does so after many wonderful twists and turns in the true "Christie" tradition. Tickets are \$17-\$22 with group rates available.

- Oct. 4-27 The Nerd by Larry Shu
- Nov. 15-Dec. 8 A special musical presentation to be announced in August
- Jan. 17-Feb. 9 Under the Yum-Yum Tree by Lawrence Roman
- Feb. 28-March 23 Death Takes a Holiday by Alberto Casella
- **April 11-May 4** All Aboard for Broadway by Craig Sodaro

For season tickets or more information, call the Garland Civic Theatre offices at 972-485-8884. For individual tickets to the first show of the season, Black Coffee, call the Granville Arts Center Box Office at 972-205-2790. All performances are in the Small Theatre at the Granville Arts Center at 300 N. Fifth St.

Kenny and The Kasuals



Kenny and The Kasuals will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will benefit the Garland Summer Musicals Guild. Call 972-205-2790.

From 1964 to 1968, the top teen band in North Texas was a five-piece combo called Kenny and The Kasuals. The first LP for the band was The Impact Sound of Kenny and The Kasuals Recorded Live at The Studio Club. "Impact" has been cited by Rolling Stone as one of the most collectible American albums ever, and original copies still sell for more than \$1,000.

Kenny and the Kasuals went on to their lucrative frat-party and nightclub circuit, becoming the most popular live band in Texas. The music they play is still a high-energy mix of the hits and album dance songs that filled the dance floors in the '60s.

Art Exhibit



Garland Eyes • Aug. 3-Sept. 27 A photo exhibit of images from GarlandEyes.com will be on display at the Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. Images are by professional and amateur photographers from around Garland. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during all performances.

ranville arts center Rental Information 972-205-2780 Ticket Information 972-205-2790 300 N. Fifth Street - Garland, Texas

Performing Arts Shows and Events

Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St.

Oliver! The Musical • 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 and 2 p.m. Aug. 5. Join the Company of Rowlett Performers in their production of Oliver! The Musical. Tickets are \$10. Ticket discount of \$2 per ticket for purchases of 10 or more for one performance or 20 tickets for the run of the show. Call 972-977-7710 visit CORPTheatre.com.

Get Smart • 1 p.m. Aug. 9-10, 7 p.m. Aug. 10 and 11. Performed by children ages 12-19. Tickets are \$8 (in advance), \$9 (at the door), 3 and younger are free. Purchase tickets at ActingForChildren.org or call 972-658-3915.

Cinderella • 7 p.m. Aug. 12. The cast will be made up of seniors, with Girl Scouts managing costumes, sets, props, music and lighting. Free.

Trials of Robin Hood • 1 p.m. Aug. 15 and 16, 7 p.m. Aug. 17 and 18. Performed by children ages 4-19. Tickets are \$8 (in advance), \$9 (at the door). Purchase tickets at ActingForChildren.org or call 972-658-3915.

The Hot-Time Rockers • 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25. Featuring songs from the '50s and '60s by Elvis, Chuck, Jerry Lee, The Everly Brothers, Ray Charles and all the other stars who created rock 'n' roll. Purchase tickets at TheGarlandOpry.com or call 972-494-3835.

The Call Center • 4 p.m. Aug. 26. A play about a business woman who is on top of her game professionally, but personally, not so much. Tickets are \$10 (in advance), \$15 (at the door). Purchase tickets at ArtsNLyrics.com.

David Allen's Elvis Presley Tribute • 7 p.m. Sept. 1. Enjoy this tribute of Elvis through four eras of his career. For tickets, call 817-251-1316.

DD and the Studebakers • 7 p.m. Sept. 8. Enjoy a night of rock 'n' roll music with songs by artists such as Chuck Berry, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Brenda Lee, Fats Domino, and Bill Haley and the Comets. Tickets are \$12 at DDStudebakers.com.

Candy and Friends • 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 22. Annual concert benefitting the National Brain Tumor Society. Musical genres will include classical, pop, country, contemporary, jazz, gospel and Caribbean. Chip Waggoner of Fox 4 news will be the emcee. Visit CandyAndFriends.com for more information.

Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St.

How Can I Ease the Pain • 4 p.m. Aug. 5. Tickets are \$20 (in advance), \$25 (at the door).

Grease • 7:30 p.m. Aug. 1-5, 2:30 p.m. Aug. 4-5. Here is Rydell High's Senior Class of 1959: hot-rodding Burger Palace Boys and their hip-shaking Pink Ladies. Call 972-205-2790.

Rankin Brother's Classic Music Review • 8 p.m. Aug. 17. Featuring music from artists such as Elvis, The Beatles, George Strait, John Denver, Roy Orbison, Elton John, and Sonny and Cher. Call 972-205-2790.

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Firewheel Golf Park



Visit the new face of the Bridges Course! All three nines now have white sand bunkers.

The Couples League is back at Firewheel!

Third Saturday of every month | 5:30 p.m. shotgun \$50 per couple | 9 holes of golf | Dinner and a drink (draft beer or house wine) Sign up in either pro shop

Come see the future players of the PGA tour! The Texas Golf Association will host the last chance Mid-Am Qualifier on Sept. 10 at the Bridges Course.

Neighborhood Vitality Grant

Neighborhood organizations looking for a partner to help with a neighborhood enhancement project have until Sept. 1 to submit applications for a Neighborhood Vitality Grant. The grant will provide neighborhoods with funds for improvements such as parks and open space enhancements, sidewalk connections, landscaping and entryway features and safety enhancements.

The grant program has contributed to nearly 100 neighborhood improvement projects throughout Garland since it began in 2004. Past grant awards have ranged from \$1,500 to \$100,000. The grant requires neighborhood organizations to be registered with the City of Garland and provide a financial and/or in-kind match from the applicant. Maintenance of the improvements will remain the responsibility of the neighborhood organization.

The Neighborhood Vitality Grant is one example of a neighborhood program that is supported by Envision Garland, the City's comprehensive plan. Envision Garland supports the protection and enhancement of existing neighborhoods through investment in public improvements. It also supports efforts, like the Neighborhood Vitality program, which helps bring neighbors together to take action and enrich their neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Felisa Conner with the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-205-3864.

Library Programs and Events

Children & Family Programs

Fall Storytimes Schedule • Storytimes will be held Aug. 27-Dec. 1 at the following library locations:

Central Library, 625 Austin St.

- Toddler Storytime, Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m.

North Garland Branch Library, 3845 N. Garland Ave.

- Wee Read, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime, Fridays, 10 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime, Fridays, 11 a.m.

South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd.

- Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
 - Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Family Storytime, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Walnut Creek Branch Library, 3319 Edgewood Drive

Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.



Adult Programs

Options for Care of the Elderly: A Free Health Seminar • 2 p.m. Aug. 21, Central Library, 625 Austin St. The Nicholson Memorial Library System and Baylor

Medical Center at Garland will co-sponsor this free • community health seminar on "Options for Care of an Elderly Loved One." Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 972-487-5419 for reservations.

Book Discussion Group • 7 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. Booklovers are invited to join Page Turners—the library's book discussion group—which meets the fourth Thursday of every month. Call 972-205-2502.

Upcoming discussions include:

- Aug. 23 The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
- Sept. 27 Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Senior Social Hour @ the Library • 2 p.m., Central Library, 625 Austin St. The Nicholson Memorial Library System offers Senior Social Hour @ the Library—a free program series for senior citizens age 55 and older sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performances. Call 972-205-2502.

Upcoming performances are as follows:

• Aug. 28 – The Good Time Gang is a musical variety performance group consisting of senior citizens. The audience will experience a fast-paced, fun-filled show of old standards such as It Had to Be You, Bill Bailey, and Satin Doll, performed by varying combinations of singers and dancers, and banjo, bass, clarinet, cornet and piano players.

Sept. 13 – Steve Blow, popular columnist for Dallas Morning The News, will speak on his most unforgettable characters—three people he has written about in his columns and the lessons they taught him.



Ask a Lawyer • 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15, Central Library, 625 Austin St. Lawyers with the Dallas Area Young Lawyers and the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program will provide quick answers to basic legal questions at this free event. Topics addressed may include family law, estate planning, tenancy and criminal law. Participation is on a first-come, firstserved basis, and attorneys at this event will not be soliciting or accepting clients. Registration at the door is required and will end at 12:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale • Sept. 20-22, South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. The Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System will host its Fall Book Sale.

- Members Only Book Sale Sept. 20 (following the meeting to 8:30 p.m.)
- Public Book Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21-22

Most books are priced from 50 cents to \$1 each. All children's books are 50 cents. Bring bags to carry home purchases. Call 972-205-3931 or 972-205-2543.

Tech-Know How Program Series

Technology Petting Zoo 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 18 Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Interested in technology gadgets? Learn about the latest devices at the library's Technology Petting Zoo. The come-and-go event will feature demonstrations of gadgets such as the Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble Nook devices, and tablets.

> **Downloadable Books Clinic** 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 22 Central Library, 625 Austin St.

Have an e-reader, iPod, or MP3 player? Want to download books for free from the library? Learn how at the Downloadable Books Clinic where library staff will be available to show attendees how to navigate the downloadable books catalog, and select items before checking out the materials. Participants may bring their library cards and their personal laptops and devices if they would like staff to help complete the checkout and downloading process.



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Library Briefs

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Friends of the Library will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at the South Garland Branch Library, 4845 Broadway Blvd. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. A "Friends only" book sale will follow the conclusion of the meeting. Regular meetings of the Friends Board are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 625 Austin St. The next regular meeting will be held Aug. 21. Regular meetings are not limited to current board members, and any library patron interested in supporting the Garland public libraries is welcome to attend.

Model Train Exhibit at the South Garland Branch Library

The South Garland Branch Library will host a Model Train Exhibit Aug. 23-25. The exhibit, which is open to the public and is co-sponsored by The Spring Creek Model Railroad Club, will feature a horseshoe-shaped modular layout, measuring 32x40 feet with approximately 300 feet of dual mainline track, seven switching areas, an HOn3 narrow-gauge line, and a 30-foot main switching yard. The models represent many eras of railroading from the 1880s to the present day and operate steam, diesel, freight and passenger equipment.

The exhibit may be viewed:

- **Aug. 23** 3 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 24** 1 to 5:30 p.m. **Aug. 25** – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



For more information, call 972-205-3931.

Recreation Center Programs and Events

Yogalates • Aug. 1-29, Mondays (6:30 to 7:40 p.m.) and Wednesdays (6 to 7:10 p.m.), ages 16 and up, \$32 per person, Audubon Recreation Center, 342 W. Oates Road. A Pilates and

Yoga mix that will work the core and challenge strength, endurance and flexibility without stress on the joints. Call 972-205-3991 or email arc@GarlandTx.gov.

Young Artist • Aug. 2-23, Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m., ages 6-12, \$34 per person, Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Discover different techniques for drawing and painting while using various mediums. Call 972-205-3090 or email frc@GarlandTx.gov.



Jewelry Designer • Aug. 4-23, Saturdays, 2 to 3 p.m., ages 6 and up, \$37 per person, Hollabaugh Recreation Center, 3925 W. Walnut St. Make a necklace and bracelet set with professional-looking closures, while exploring color combinations and design elements. \$10 supply

fee payable to instructor. Call 972-205-2721 or email hhrc@GarlandTx.gov.

Junior Jazzercise Camp • Aug. 6-10, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ages 6-11, \$60 per person, Holford Recreation Center, 2314 Homestead Place. Combine easy-to-follow dance moves to popular music, fitness games, and light strength training, while learning about the lifelong benefits of exercise and

healthy nutrition. Call 972-205-2772 or email hrc@ GarlandTx.gov.

Modeling, Etiquette, & Acting • Aug. 7-28, Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., ages 7 and up, \$37 per person, Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive. Learn about posture, how to sit, table settings and manners. Will cover make-up application, wardrobe choices and modeling stances. Cost is \$16 one-time administration fee and \$4 supply fee payable to instructor. Call 972-205-2770 or email brc@GarlandTx.gov.



Canoeing • Aug. 25, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ages 16 and up, \$22 per person, Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. Learn water safety and paddling skills while taking

an exciting water adventure with seasoned canoe instructors. Call 972-205-2771 or email grc@ GarlandTx.gov.

Special Events

Garland Outdoor Festival

• 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 8, Bass Pro Shops, 5001 Bass Pro Drive. Visit with outdoor recreation experts and enjoy hands-on demonstrations in camping, kayaking, fishing and archery. For more information, call 972-205-2750.



City Holiday Schedule: Labor Day

City Offices (including Utility Customer Service)

- Closed Sept. 3

Libraries - Closed Sept. 3

Recreation Centers – Closed Sept. 3

Senior Centers – Closed Sept. 3

City Pools - Closed Sept. 3

Surf and Swim – Open Sept. 3

Environmental Waste Services –

Closed Sept. 3; Regular Tuesday-Thursday garbage, recycling and brush collection

Recycling Center - Closed Sept. 3

Transfer Station – Closed Sept. 3

C.M. Hinton, Jr. Regional Landfill and Wood Waste Facility – Closed Sept. 3

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